

REMARKS

Without acquiescing to the propriety of the rejections in the Office Action dated September 18, 2002, claims 8 and 12 have been amended per the conditional allowance outlined in the Office Action. Claims 1-7, 9-11 and 13-28 have been cancelled. Entry of these amendments, reconsideration of the application, and allowance of all claims pending herein are respectfully requested in view of the marks below. Claims 8 and 12 are now pending.

Applicant wishes to gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 10 and 12 upon them being rewritten in independent form to include all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 8 has been amended to incorporate claims 9 and 10 therein per this conditional allowance. Claim 12 has been amended to change its dependency from claim 10 to claim 8 since claim 10 has been incorporated into claim 8.

Thus, since the claims have been amended per the conditional allowance outlined in the Office Action, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are allowable over the cited references and such allowance is respectfully requested.


CONCLUSION

It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked up version of the changes made to claims 8 and 12. The attachment is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Applicant's undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,



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